

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 and 43-45 are pending. Claims 34-42 and 46 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 7-9, 11, 13, 21 and 45 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following response.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the invention to one of the following: Group I, including claims 1-33 and 43-45, and Group II, including claims 34-42 and 46. In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-33 and 43-45, without traverse, for examination at this time. Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 34-42 and 46 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter contained therein.

Conclusion

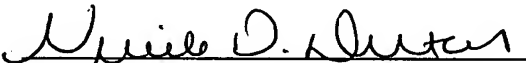
It is believed that this Response and Amendment does not require additional fees. However, if additional fees are required for any reason, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4800 the necessary amount.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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